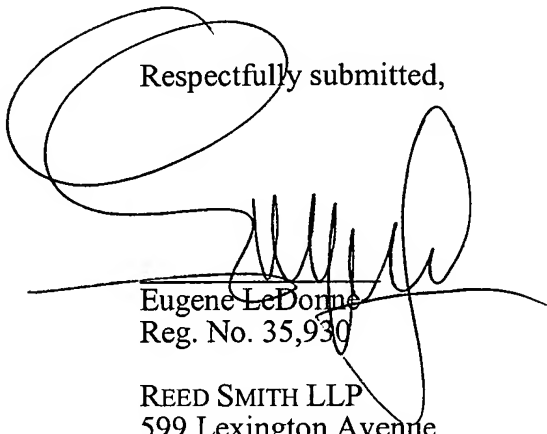


REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to cancel claim 11. Claim 11 recited subject matter which has been incorporated into claim 1. Therefore, Applicants request that claim 11 be cancelled. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite resolution of this matter, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



Eugene LeDanne
Reg. No. 35,930

REED SMITH LLP
599 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10022-7650
(212) 521-5400
Attorney for Applicants